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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 4705

E.O. 11652: XGDS-4  
TAGS: PINS, SHUM, IR  
SUBJECT: MAY 15 A QUIET DAY

REF: TEHRAN 4649

SUMMARY: ONLY A FEW ISOLATED INCIDENTS OCCURRED IN TEHRAN  
MAY 15 AND REST OF CONSULATES REPORT NO SERIOUS INCIDENTS.  
TEHRAN MOSQUES MAIN CLOSED TODAY. END SUMMARY.

1. IN THE EVENT, ONLY A FEW INCIDENTS OCCURRED MAY 15. POLICE  
ARRESTED A FEW YOUNG MEN ON MOTORCYCLES WHO WERE DUMPING NAILS  
ON ONE OF THE STREETS LEADING TO SOUTH TEHRAN. SOME TEHRAN  
UNIVERSITY STUDENTS TRIED TO BEGIN A DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE  
THE UNIVERSITY IN LATE MORNING BUT WERE PREVENTED BY SECURITY  
FORCES WITH NO ARRESTS BUT REPORTEDLY SOME BEATINGS. THERE WERE SOME  
FALSE ALARMS WHICH TURNED OUT TO BE JUST THAT ON INVESTIGATION.  
SOME LOCAL PRESSMEN ARE TREATING YESTERDAY AS A NON-EVENT.  
HOWEVER, BAZAAR WAS CLOSED AS WERE THE MAIN MOSQUES IN  
TOWN. MOSQUES REMAIN CLOSED TODAY DUE TO ACTIVITY BY  
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KHOMEINI SUPPORTERS, BUT EMBASSY HAS LEARNED IN CONFIDENCE  
THAT EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO OPEN THEM TOMORROW.

2. CONSULATE SHIRAZ REPORTS THAT OLD BAZAAR WAS CLOSED  
MAY 15 BUT UNIVERSITY OPENED. THERE WAS GREATER POLICE  
PRESENCE THAN USUAL IN AND AROUND UNIVERSITY WITH  
MILITARY UNITS HELD ON THE EDGE OF THE CAMPUS. ONLY

INCIDENT REPORTED BY FAIRLY CREDIBLE EYEWITNESS WAS CASE OF TWO BOYS ON A MOTORCYCLE THROWING ACID ON TWO GIRLS WHO WERE WEARING SCARS BUT NO CHADORS.

3. CONSULATE ISFAHAN REPORTS NO INCIDENTS, WHICH IN A SENSE IS UNUSUAL SINCE ISOLATED INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED ALMOST EVERY DAY UP TO MAY 15. THERE WERE MORE TROOPS THAN USUAL, BUT BAZAAR REMAINED OPEN.

4. CONSULATE TABRIZ NOTED MORE SHOPS WERE CLOSED MAY 15 AND BAZAAR WAS CLOSED. CONSUL HAS HEARD OF NO INCIDENTS AND NOTES FAR LESS MILITARY AND POLICE IN EVIDENCE ON THE STREETS MAY 16 THAN FOR SEVERAL DAYS PREVIOUSLY.

5. THERE WAS A BOMB THREAT PHONED IN BY UNIDENTIFIED IRANIAN MAN AT LOCKHEED BUILDING MORNING MAY 16. POLICE SEARCH FOUND NOTHING.

6. MEANWHILE PRESS CARRIES STATEMENT BY MINISTER OF INFORMATION HOMAYOUN ASSERTING GOI IS IN COMPLETE CONTROL OF SITUATION, AND PEOPLE SHOULD PAY NO ATTENTION TO "EMPTY AND RIDICULOUS" RUMORS STARTED BY "SABOTEURS INTENDING TO DISRUPT LIFE AND BUSINESS". REFERRING TO NUMBERS OF MESSAGES GOI HAS RECEIVED FROM BUSINESSMEN, ACADEMICS, WRITERS AND OTHER PROMINENT CITIZENS EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ITS CRACKDOWN ON THOSE WHO DISRUPT LAW AND ORDER (THE CONFIDENTIAL

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LATEST IS LETTER TO AMOUZEGAR FROM IRANIANS RESIDENT IN KUWAIT). HOMAYOUN VOWED TO MEET SUCH TROUBLEMAKERS "WITH STRINGENT ACTION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE LAW". SULLIVAN

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